

City Council

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## PLEASE REVIEW THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING UPCOMING ROAD WORK IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD.

## Dear Resident:

The list of road reconstruction this summer includes **Linda Vista Lane and Rossi Street**. City staff will present the planned street project at a public meeting on **Wednesday, February 20**<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 p.m. at the City Offices located at 3675 Mount Diablo Boulevard, in Conference Room 240. This is an opportunity for residents to provide input to the design and learn how the construction project may impact existing frontage improvements as well as your street access and traffic flow during construction. In coordination with the road work, utility companies may also work in the street to update or relocate existing water and gas lines.

In preparation for the project, we request that each property owner evaluate the condition of the house sewer line (or lateral) as soon as possible. Since these lines typically connect the house plumbing to the sewer main in the street, any needed repairs should be completed before the street reconstruction. If you have not replaced your sewer lateral within the last five years, or your lateral requires regular maintenance; consider having the line inspected, and if necessary replaced, prior to **May 1**<sup>st</sup>. This work will require an encroachment permit from the City; but if the work is completed prior to May 1<sup>st</sup>, the City will waive the usual permit fee. A permit from the Central Contra Costa Sanitary District (CCCSD) will still be required. While this work is at the property owner's discretion, please be aware that any road excavation after the street resurfacing is complete will require extensive (and more expensive) restoration measures at the property owner's sole cost.

As part of the road work, the City's contractor will trim shrubs, low hanging tree limbs, and all other forms of vegetation to one foot beyond the new edge of pavement and to 14 feet above the road. This is necessary to allow access clearance for construction equipment and to prevent even more extensive damage to vegetation during construction. In some cases, trimming may expose the bare interior of some plants such as juniper bushes or redwood trees. Construction contractors are not trained gardeners, and if you are concerned about the aesthetics of any vegetation along your property frontage, please do the clearance work yourself in advance of the project. Please be reminded that any vegetation that requires trimming or removal is likely on public property but is still the maintenance responsibility of each fronting property owner.

Related, if your property has private improvements such as sewer cleanouts, drainage, irrigation, lighting, or any other facilities within five feet of the existing edge of pavement, please notify me in writing immediately so that we can account for them in the road construction. While we will make all

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reasonable attempts to protect private improvements that are readily visible, please be advised that property owners have located these facilities on public property at their own risk.

Finally, please be aware that during the pavement reconstruction process, the street will be closed to <u>all</u> traffic from 8:30 am until 4:30 pm, except for emergency responders. This closure will affect <u>everyone</u>, including residents of the street, people with medical appointments, service providers, and deliveries. The construction contract has been structured with an aggressive work schedule based on past project experience in order to minimize the duration of the road closure. The contractor will also make every effort to provide advance notice with reasonable precision about the exact time window. In any case, residents should anticipate and plan for a closure during work hours for up to ten consecutive weekdays (no closures will be in place on weekends).

I hope to have your attendance at the public meeting. If you have questions regarding this project, please contact me at 299-3247 or <a href="mailto:mlutropp@ci.lafayette.ca.us">mluttropp@ci.lafayette.ca.us</a>. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Matt Luttropp Engineering Services Manager